

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 16, 2006

The Honorable Matt Blunt  
Governor of Missouri  
State Capitol, Room 216  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Governor Blunt:

I have declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), for the State of Missouri due to damage resulting from severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding during the period of March 11-13, 2006. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected area.

Individual Assistance, assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) under the Public Assistance program, and Hazard Mitigation will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and the Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas.

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. Thomas J. Costello of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for disaster assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,



George W. Bush